Appendix.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 272-A asked by Sri S. Swayamprakasam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 28th July 1952, page 502 supra.]

Government have this year as usual appointed Selection Committees for the Engineering Colleges as well as for other Colleges. The Committee for the Engineering Colleges consists of—

(1) Dr. V. S. Krishna, Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University.

(2) Sri L. Venkatakrishna Iyer, Retired Chief Engineer; and

(3) Lt.-Col. S. Paul, Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy.

Instructions were issued on 5th July 1952 regarding the selection of candidates for admission to the Government Engineering Colleges. These are almost the same as the instructions issued last year by the Government of Madras, except for certain details by way of clarification.

Last year 20 seats had been reserved to be filled by the Government at their discretion. No such reservation has been made in the instructions issued this year. Twenty-five per cent of the seats are reserved for the backward classes and 15 per cent for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. These percentages do not preclude candidates of the classes mentioned from getting more seats if they succeed on the basis of pure competitive merit.

As in last year, this year too, instructions have been issued to the effect that activities in sports or in the National Cadet Corps or Scouting or other similar activities, extra curricular social service, general physical condition and endurance, general ability and aptitude should be taken into account. A maximum of 50 marks has been fixed for this purpose to be allotted by the Committee to the candidates whom they interview.

Last year all eligible candidates were interviewed. This year the Committee is given full discretion to interview as many candidates as may be necessary to arrive at a satisfactory selection over and above the number of seats available. This probably amounts to double the number of seats or even more. Interviewing the entire block of candidates gave little time and opportunity for careful selection; hence this instruction.

Last year candidates were interviewed at four different centres. This year, it has been left to the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee as to where the candidates should be asked to be present for interview.

Last year, the Committee had the power to allot the candidates to various Colleges. This year, the Committee will make recommendations regarding the allotment to the various Engineering Colleges but final orders will be issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

After finalisation of selections, vacancies will be filled by the Director of Public Instruction from the waiting list prepared by the Selection Committee.